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1. IN PAST FEW DAYS GOC HAS INCREASED TEMPO AND VOLUME OF ITS CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT SUBMISSION OF TURKSIH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS BEING ACCEPTED AS INDICATTION OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM AND TO PREVENT LIFTING OF U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY.

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2. ON APRIL 22 GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR TASSOS PAPADAPOULOS DELIVERED GREEK CYPRIOTS' OFFICIAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS TO ACTING UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE GORGE. CONTENTS OF DOCUMENT HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED, BUT GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REPORTS THAT IT CONCLUDES THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. (GORGE INFORMS US THAT DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF ABOUT FIFTEEN PAGES OF CLOSE LEGAL REASONING.) DELIVERY OF THIS DOCUMENT WOULD SEEM TO HARDEN VIEW EARLIER EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU THAT NATURE OF PROPOSALS WOULD NOT JUSTIFY WALDHEIM'S CONVOKING TALKS.

3. GOC ALSO GAVE TWO SIGNALS THAT IF TALKS WERE CALLED, IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND TO ATTEND. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED STATEMENT APRIL 21 CRITICISING INTERPREATATION WHICH RIGHT-WING NEWSPAPER SIMERINI PLACED ON KYPRIANOU'S AMBIGUOUS REMARK IN APRIL 19 PRESS CONFERENCE (REF B) THAT IF WALDHEIM CALLED FOR NEW ROUND OF TALKS, GOC WOULD CONSIDER SYG'S PROPOSALS AND GIVE HIM A REPLY. SIMERINI INTERPRETED THAT TO MEAN GOC WOULD TO TO TALKS. SPOKESMAN CALLED THIS INTERPRETATION IRRESPONSIBLE, ARBITRARY, AND A DISTORTION. KYPRIANOU HIMSELF SPOKE OF THIS POINT IN PUBLIC ADDRESS APRIL 23. HE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOME MIGHT AKS SYG TO CALL CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR TALKS ON THE BASIS OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, AND THEN ASKED RHETORICALLY, "DO NOT THOSE WHO NOURISH THIS HOPE THINK THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING...TO THE NEUTRALIZATION OF THE USEFULNESS OF THE ROLE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL? DO THEY NOT REALIZE THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO BRING THE SECRETARY GENERAL INTO CONFLICT WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED HERE IN NICOSIA IN JANUARY, 1978, AND INTO CONFLICT WITH THE UN RESOLUTIONS?"

4. PRESS REPORTS OF WESTERN PRESSURE ON WALDHEIM TO CONVOKE TALKS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT WEEKEND. SEVERAL PAPERS CRITICISED REPORTED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED. RIGHT-WING AGON ALSO ATTACKED STATE DEPARTMENT FOR "ACCEPTING" AND "THROWING ITS AUTHORITY BEHIND" TURKISH EXPLANATION OF VIOLATION OF CYPRUS AIR SPACE.

5. MEANWHILE ALL PAPERS REPORT GOC HAS LAUNCHED "WORLD ENLIGHTENMENT CAMPAIGN" TO DISCREDIT TURKISH PROPOSALS AND OPPOSE LIFTING OF EMBARGO. CAMPAIGN, WHICH INCLUDES BRIEFING OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN NICOSIA AND PRESS CONFERENCES BY GOC REPRESENTATIVES

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ABROAD, WILL REPORTEDLY CULMINATE WITH VISIT OF
PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU TO UN IN MAY TO ATTEND SPECIAL
SESSION (AS INDICATION OF GOC'S SERIOUSNESS ABOUT
ITS PROPAGANDA COMPAIGN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
EMPLOYEE HAS SPENT LAST THREE WEEKS IN AMERICAN
CENTER COPYING NAMES AND ADDRESS OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS,
RADIO, AND T.V. STATIONS, AND ALL MEMBERS OF
U.S. CONGRESS.)

6. COMMENT. IT APPEARS THAT GOC INTENDS TO
OPPOSE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS EACH STEP OF THE
WAY. FIRST EFFORT WILL BE CONVINCE WALDHEIM NOT
TO CALL TALKS. FAILING THIS, GOC IS LAYING GROUNDWORK
TO DELAY ATTENDING TALKS IF THEY ARE CALLED. IF
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GOC FINDS ITSELF MANEUVERED INTO POSITION WHERE IT
BELIEVES IT MUST ATTEND TALKS, IT WILL BE PREPARED TO SAY THAT
RESUMPTION WAS BASED ON PRESSURE AND NOT ON MERIT OF
PROPOSALS. GOC'S GOAL IN NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL BE, THROUGH
MASSIVE PROPAGANDA EFFORT, TO PERSUADE INTERNATIONAL
OPINION, ESPECIALLY IN U.S. CONGRESS, THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT
PROPOSALS DO NOT CONSTITUTE PROGRESS,
AND DO NOT JUSTIFY LIFTING OF EMBARGO. END COMMENT.
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